which *inter-alia* include human exposure/ health monitoring studies, and only after satisfaction regarding safety, these chemicals are allowed for use.

Statement

Statement showing the names of the Companies Registered for Manufacturing Mosquito killers under Section 9(3) of the insecticides Act, 1968

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the product
1.	M/s Sur Chemicals Industries, 71, Biplabi Rash Bihari Bose Road, Calcutta.	Allethrin 0.5% Coil
2.	M/s Sunita Home Products Ltd., Karol Bagh, New Delhi.	Allethrin 0.2% Coil
3.	M/s Karamchand Industries, Fort, Bombay.	Allethrin 3.6% Liquid
4.	M/s Transelectra Domestic Products Ltd., 126 Creative Industrial Building, Kalina, Bombay.	Allethrin 4% Mat
5.	M/s Semio Chemicals, Hyderabad.	Allethrin 2% Mat
6.	M/s Transelectra Domestic Products Ltd., Kalina, Bombay.	Allethrin 0.5% Aerosol
7.	M/s Transelectra Domestic Products Ltd., Kalina, Bombay.	d-trans-Allethrin 2% Mat

Modernisation of Delta Development Plan in Orissa

*530. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the modernisation of Delta Development Plan in Orissa;

(b) if so, the financial provisions made for modernising Delta Development Plan in that State; and

(c) the details of the work undertaken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Orissa has taken steps in this regard.

(b) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 100 crores for the project in the VIII plan. The State Government has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 21.46 crores upto 1994-95 and has proposed an outlay of Rs. 2 crores for 1995-96.

(c) 534 individual works have been constructed comprising improvement of canals, canal structures, canal roads and village road bridges connected with drainage development and modernisation of irrigation system.

Interest Rates charged by NSFDC

*531. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the interest rates being charged by the National Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation for the finance given for the projects relating to the Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Tribes;

(b) when the NSFDC has been working on no profit-no loss basis then what are the reasons for charging such exorbitant interest;

(c) whether NSFDC propose to reduce interest rate;

(d) what is the establishment cost and other operational post of the NSFDC; and

(e) what steps are being taken to reduce these costs?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The interest rates being charged by National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) are as under:—

Amounts of Loan from NSFDC per unit/profit centre	Interest per annum Scheduled Caste Development Corporation (SCDC)	Chargeable to Beneficiary
Upto Rs. 1.00 lakh	4%	6%
Above Rs. 1.00 lakhs and below Rs. 5.00 lakh	6%	8%
Rs. 5.00 lakhs and above	8%	10%

The difference of 2% is for the Scheduled Castes Development Corporations to meet their cost of handling NSFDC schemes.

(b) The interest rate being charged by NSFDC are low compared with market rate. Though NSFDC is a non-profit making organisation yet rate of interest is to meet its administrative expenses as there are no separate funds provided for the same. Whatever excess of income is earned is also deployed for providing financial assistance to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, including grants for their training expenses.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at this stage.

(d) Establishment cost of NSFDC is Rs. 98.00 lakh and other operational cost is Rs. 55.00 lakhs for the year 1994-95 (unaudited).

(e) The Corporation have taken various measures to reduce the establishment and other expenditure, the details of which are as under:—

(i) Expenditure on conveyance, hiring taxi/scooters, photocopier has been reduced to the barest minimum;

(ii) Cost of running and maintenance of staff cars has also been considerably reduced; and

(iii) Expenditure on telephones being used at Office/residences has also been minimised.

Groundnut production in Gujarat

*532. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope for the expansion of groundnut production in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the areas under groundnut cultivation and also to create